

Ex: compute the tangent line to the curve  $F(t) = \langle 2 \cos(t), 2 \sin(t), 4 \cos(2t) \rangle$  at a point  $(\sqrt{3}, 1, 2)$ .

Sol: The tangent vector function is:  $r'(t) = \langle -2\sin(t), 2\cos(t), -8\sin(2t) \rangle$

To find the time: solve  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle -\sqrt{3}, 1, 2 \rangle$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} 2 \cos(t) = \sqrt{3} \\ 2 \sin(t) = 1 \\ 4 \cos(2t) = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos(t) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \sin(t) = \frac{1}{2} \\ \cos(2t) = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos(t) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \sin(t) = \frac{1}{2} \\ \cos(2t) = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

check to see if  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  is the answer

try  $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$

∴ the tangent vector at  $(\sqrt{3}, 1, 2)$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2(\cos(\pi/6)) \\ 2 \sin(\pi/6) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\Rightarrow \pi/6$  is a good answer

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) &= \left\langle -2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right), 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right), -8 \sin\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \right\rangle = 2 \sqrt{3} \left\langle -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -4 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle -2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}, 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -8 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle -1, \sqrt{3}, -4\sqrt{3} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

i. the desired tangent line has vector equation

$$\vec{J}(t) = \vec{p} + t \vec{r}(\pi/6) = \langle \sqrt{3}, 1, 2 \rangle + t \langle -1, -\sqrt{3}, -4\sqrt{3} \rangle = \cancel{\langle -1, -\sqrt{3}, -4\sqrt{3} \rangle} = \langle \sqrt{3}t, 1 + \sqrt{3}t, 2 - 4\sqrt{3}t \rangle$$

## § 13.?: Arc length

Last time: the arc length of curve  $\vec{r}(t)$  between  $t=a$  and  $B$  is given by

$$S = \int_{t=a}^B |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$$

From Calc II: the arc length was given by

for  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$

on  $a \leq t \leq B$

arc length  $\rightarrow S = \int_{t=a}^B \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt = \int_{t=a}^B \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt$

EX: Compute the arc length of  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos(t), \sin(t), \ln(\cos(t)) \rangle$  on  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/4$

Sol:  $S = \int_{t=a}^B |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$   $a=0$   $B=\pi/4$

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), -\frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)} \rangle = \langle -\sin(t), \cos(t), -\tan(t) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |\vec{r}'(t)| &= \sqrt{(-\sin(t))^2 + (\cos(t))^2 + (-\tan(t))^2} = \sqrt{\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) + \tan^2(t)} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + \tan^2(t)} = \sqrt{\sec^2(t)} = |\sec(t)| \end{aligned}$$

on  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/4$ ,  $\sec(t) \geq 0$ , so  $|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sec(t)$  on  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/4$ .

$$\therefore S = \int_{t=a}^B |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_{t=0}^{\pi/4} \sec(t) dt.$$

At this point, Chris has an offstage monologue to try and remember math he learned a while ago.

$$= \left[ \ln |\sec(t) + \tan(t)| \right]_{t=0}^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \ln |\sec(\pi/4)| + \tan(\pi/4) - \ln |\sec(0)| + \tan(0)|$$

$$= \ln |\sqrt{2} + 1| - \ln |1 + 0|$$

$$= \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) \quad \blacksquare$$

(Chris hates  $\ln(1)$ , please replace it with 0)

Ex: Compute the arc length of  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 3\cos(t), 3\sin(t), t^2 \rangle$  on  $2 \leq t \leq 10$

Sol:  $S = \int_{t=a}^B |\vec{r}'(t)| dt$   $a=2$   $B=10$  looks like this

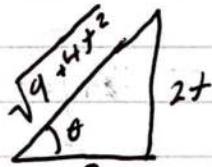


$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -3\sin(t), 3\cos(t), 2t \rangle.$$

$$|\vec{r}'(t)| = \sqrt{(-3\sin(t))^2 + (3\cos(t))^2 + (2t)^2} = \sqrt{9(\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t)) + 4t^2} = \sqrt{9 + 4t^2} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{1+1} \neq \sqrt{1} + \sqrt{1} \\ \sqrt{2} \neq 2 \end{array} \right)$$

Chris got upset over this

$$\therefore S = \int_{t=2}^B |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_{t=2}^{10} \sqrt{9 + 4t^2} dt$$



$$= \int_{t=2}^{10} 3 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{9 + 4t^2}}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} dt.$$

Coordinate change

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{t=2}^{10} \sec(\theta) \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\frac{2}{3} dt = \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{t=2}^{10} \sec^3(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\frac{1}{3} d\theta = \sec(\theta) d\theta$$

To compute  $\int \sec^3(\theta) d\theta$ :

$$\int \sec^3(\theta) d\theta = \int \sec^2(\theta) \sec(\theta) d\theta = \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) + \int \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \int \sec(\theta) + \int \sec(\theta) \tan^2(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \ln|\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + \sec(\theta) \tan^2(\theta) d\theta.$$

$$= \int \sec(\theta) \tan^2(\theta) d\theta$$

$$U = \tan(\theta) \quad DV = \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) d\theta$$

$$DU = \sec^2(\theta) d\theta \quad V = \sec(\theta)$$

$$= \int_U V = UV - \int V DU$$

$$= \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) - \int \sec(\theta) \sec^2(\theta) d\theta \quad \therefore \int \sec^3(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) - \int \sec^3(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \ln|\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) - \int \sec^3(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\text{So } 2 \int \sec^3(\theta) = \ln |\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) + C$$

$$\therefore \int \sec^3(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\ln |\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta)) + C$$

$$\text{Hence } \int_{t=2}^{10} \sec^3(\theta) d\theta$$

"Now guys, this is not that bad."  
-Chris

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\ln |\sec(\theta) + \tan(\theta)| + \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta)) \right]_{t=2}^{10}$$

$$= \frac{9}{8} \left[ \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{q+q+2}}{3} + \frac{2^t}{3} \right| + \frac{\sqrt{q+q+2}}{3} \cdot \frac{2^t}{3} \right]_{t=2}^{10}$$

$$= \frac{9}{q} \left( \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{409}}{3} + \frac{20}{3} \right| + \frac{20}{q} \sqrt{409} - \ln \left| \frac{5}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \right| - \frac{5 \cdot 4}{q} \right)$$

$$= \frac{9}{q} \left( \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{409} + 20}{3} \right| + \frac{20}{q} \sqrt{409} - \ln(3) - \frac{20}{q} \right). \quad \square$$

$$= 5 \left( \sqrt{409} - 1 \right) + \frac{9}{q} \ln \left| \frac{20 + \sqrt{409}}{9} \right| \quad \square \text{ again.}$$

(About 7 minutes of break  
where the entire class takes a  
break about this lack of memory)

The arc length of a curve is a natural choice for parameter.

I.e. we would like to parameterize  $\vec{r}(t)$  so that at time  $t=5$  the arc length (measured from some fixed point) is exactly 5...



Define the arc length function for a parameterization by:

$$\text{The arc length } \sim S(\beta) = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt. \quad \text{arc length factor}$$

BY FTC  ~~$\frac{d}{dt} S(\beta) = \vec{r}'(\beta)$~~   $S'(\beta) = \|\vec{r}'(\beta)\|$

Moreover,  $S$  is an increasing function provided  $\|\vec{r}'(\beta)\| \neq 0$  for all  $\beta$

$S$  is strictly increasing...

means its injective, passed horizontal line test

calculus for  
space curves

I.e. guarantees smoothness

on the next episode: This guarantees a unit speed  
parameterization of  $\vec{r}(t)$

(Chris wants review questions  
for Wednesday's class in prep for  
Friday's exam)